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RIPLEY & SEND Matters

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A PDF edition of the magazine is also now available to view on the website.

Hello Dear Reader.

Welcome to another edition of Ripley & Send Matters!



I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and that 2025 is off to a great start.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to **Jennie Cliff** for her dedication and expertise in distributing the Ripley & Send Matters magazine. As she steps back from this role, she hands over the reins to **Emma Cornell**, who I have no doubt will do an incredible job. A huge thank you to Jennie for all her hard work—and don't worry, she's not going anywhere! Jennie remains firmly on the committee and won't be escaping that easily!

Looking ahead, we'd love your help with the **Ripley Litter Pick** on **Wednesday, March 26th, from 10 AM to midday**—a great way to keep our community looking its best. **See page 21** for all the details!

Also, don't miss this edition's fantastic article on the Superhero Series, an inclusive sporting event designed to give everyone a chance to be a hero—see page 32 for more information.

And for the music heads, this month's Ripley & Send Musical Jukebox is spinning **Birds' "Tunnel Vision"**—a slow-groove trip with weird 303 flourishes and ethereal vocals, perfect for getting lost in. While you're at it, give the **Fantastic Twins' cover of "Wicked Game"** a spin—haunting, hypnotic, and guaranteed to send shivers down your spine.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the amazing team behind the scenes. A massive thank you to everyone who contributes their time, effort, and passion to keep this magazine running. Your dedication is truly appreciated!

Here's to another fantastic edition—enjoy the read!

Peace and Love, Scott Hutchinson Professional Key Pusher / Editor





Council Tax Increase

Ripely Parish Council has proposed a 6% increase to the precept due to reduced funding from Guildford Borough Council. This rise of 66p per month is crucial for maintaining the essential community facilities – from public toilets to the upkeep of The Green. During the upcoming year you will see new animal proof litter bins being installed on The Green and the waste collections increasing to three times per week following public concerns. During 2025 we will be launching a project to improve facilities in the playground and the refurbishment of the public toilets. While any increase in precept warrants careful consideration, these funds ensure that our shared spaces and services remain safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone.

The Green: A Shared Community Space

Ripley Parish Council remains dedicated to preserving Ripley Green for all community members. As responsible stewards, the council emphasises the importance of balancing the needs of dog walkers, commercial operators, and other users. Dog walkers are reminded to adhere to guidelines, particularly regarding waste disposal, to keep the area green. Commercial operators interested in using The Green must obtain the proper licences, meeting council-set criteria and conditions. Please contact the Parish Council or see our website for further information.

Ripley Christmas Fair

Once again the annual Ripley Christmas Fair was a huge success, despite the rain! Thank you to all the visitors and stall holders for coming along to support us. There was a slight change in the layout this year, with Matt Jelley, Emily Louise, Santa and children's activities provided by the Ripley Business Association all taking place on the Green. The Fair is run to fund the village's Christmas lights and with only the cost of the electricity to be paid we are expecting a small £600 deficit altogether. We would like to thank all our kind sponsors and local businesses who donated prizes as well as those who donated to our GoFundMe, we really couldn't fund the lights without your generous support. The 2025 Ripley Christmas Fair will be held on Sun 7, Dec 2025 and we look forward to seeing you there - in the sunshine, we hope!

Thanks to our sponsors: Seymours Estate Agents Ripley, Ripley Farmers Market, Stiles and Co., Ewbanks, Thomas Ford & Sons, Charybdis, and Dog Days Adventure

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M25 Junction 10/A3 National Highways

Work on the M25 Junction 10 Ripley High Street traffic mitigation project has experienced delays, largely due to the approval process for the Section 278 Notice being submitted to Surrey County Council's (SCC) in September last year for approval. The scheme which includes nine speed tables, an additional pedestrian crossing near the Village Hall and gateway features to reduce the flow and speed of traffic along the High Street. As part of this project, it is anticipated that SCC will introduce a 20mph speed limit along the newly calmed stretch which will improve pedestrian safety. National Highways have advised the Parish Council that the delayed construction of the features will be during August and September this year. Detailed drawings are available at the Parish Council office should you wish to see the detail.

Upcoming Work Schedule:

- January/February 2025: A3/M25 closures will occur to lift 22 x 90-tonne beams into place, forming the Cockcrow Bridge.
- Spring/Summer 2025:
- A3 Southbound widening project is scheduled.
- A245, Painshill, and NMU works will also take place.
- Spring 2025:
- Environmental works and technology commissioning will continue throughout spring, summer, and autumn.
- The M25 gyratory will be fully operational.
- Late Summer/Early Autumn 2025: The A3 section will reach completion.



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Comic Books - 9 April

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James Bond - 29 May

Pre-Loved, Vintage & Antique - 30 May

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PARISH COUNCIL

At the beginning of the year, Send Parish Council and residents made a historic achievement by successfully overturning the grant of planning permission that had been issued by Guildford Borough Council (GBC) on 12th June 2024 for application 22/P/01966, 94 Potters Lane. Following a hearing at the High Court on 3rd December 2024, GBC consented to judgement and quashed the permission, accepting that it had failed to give full consideration to environmental policies, including Policy D13 that covers the Corridor of the River Wey.

Send Parish Council is already working on preparations for when the application returns to Guildford Borough Council's planning committee to ensure that all the evidence is before the committee and the policies for the River Wey Corridor and Conservation Area are given full consideration. We hope that in having made this challenge on behalf of our residents, planning officers and planning committee members will recognize our collective determination as a village to have our voice heard and be prepared to challenge the ongoing deluge of planning approvals in every corner of our village. This is important because many planning applications will be determined by GBC's planning committee this year which will impact Send, including, the third phase of industrial development at Burnt Common Nurseries, Land off Winds Ridge and we await the planning inspector's decision on the land at Heath Drive.

The Parish Council is also closely monitoring the consultation for the large strategic development at Gosden Hill, the overdue update of the Local Plan, and the Government's plans for Devolution of local government. If implemented, this will result in the abolition of Guildford Borough Council and other district councils, with Surrey County Council (CC) becoming a single unitary authority. This change will transfer powers from district councils, including planning matters, upwards to Surrey CC, while other functions will be devolved to town/parish councils.

The Parish Council and a team of dedicated volunteers continues to progress the Pavilion re-development which will include master planning of the whole recreation

ground and the village centre at the Send shopping parade to cater for our growing village.

Our Clerk and Councillors manage our assets daily, overseeing repairs and general maintenance at the recreation ground, and managing our cemetery and allotments at Polesden Lane. Currently, we have allotment plots available for rent at £50.40 per annum for a full plot and £25.20 for a half plot. A £5 concession is available for retirees. Interested individuals should contact the Clerk at clerk@sendparishcouncil.gov.uk. Finally, some other news in brief:

On the 5th December Ockham Parish Council was refused permission for a Judicial Review concerning the development at Wisley Airfield. It appears the impact is already being felt with daily congestion on the A247.

In January, the village experienced burglaries, causing concern among residents. Thankfully, we are informed the culprits have since been apprehended.

We would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for the Annual Parish Meeting, which is scheduled for 10th March at the Lancaster Hall.

Julia Osborn
Chair, Send Parish Council

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The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Send

A new year update on what's going on at Send Parish Church.

We hope you know that St Mary's church, Send is here for everyone who lives in the parish of Send, and beyond. You are always welcome to our regular services. We are also here to mark special life events like baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Our church and churchyard are exceptional places of peace. The Church Rooms serve the community too in different ways that that enrich our community life.

Through each month we pray for the whole village by road. We welcome prayer requests; please do let me know if you would like us to include yourself or loved ones.

Thanks to the generosity of a former parishioner, we are investing in our church building. Wi-Fi and a new sound system should be in place soon and we are working on new heating too.

My appointment (begun in October 2024) is also possible because of the opportunities offered by this legacy. It is clear to me that Send is pleased to have a parish priest living and working in the parish. But St Mary's church is running an annual deficit which needs to be reversed if this way of life in Send can continue. If you would like to support the church financially, or in other practical ways please contact myself or our churchwardens Helen Sloan and Rachel Wilkinson, or visit the church's Just Giving page on our website sendparishchurch.co.uk

If you'd like to keep in touch then follow us on Facebook: Send Parish Church. You can also subscribe to our weekly Green Sheet by emailing news@sendparishchurch.co.uk. We'd love to hear from you.

Rev Louise Vincer Interim Priest in Charge of St Mary the Virgin, Send.



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St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

As we now start to move away from what seems like a very long couple of months since Christmas! We look forward to Easter. Along with the Easter eggs, perhaps you will be spending time with family and friends? Whatever you will be doing Easter gives us a chance in the year to pause and reflect. St Mary's offers a place where you can do just that. Open most days the church is available for the community to visit, pause, reflect and pray.

Although Rev Anna Norton is currently off duty, services are continuing at St Mary's and these are listed below and on the website www.ripleychurch.org.uk As we are now part of the United Benefice the website lists additional services being held during Holy Week.

We continue to meet every Sunday morning at 10am for a service – everyone is welcome! The services are led currently by a mix of visiting vicars and members of the community, depending on the service.

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: Communion 2nd Sunday of the month: Family service with children's activities 4th Sunday of the month: Service of the Word (traditional but no communion)

Our special Easter services will be

Sunday 13th April 10:00 – Family Service Thursday 17th April 19:00 – Maundy Thursday – All Saints Ockham Friday 18th April 12:00 The Last Hour Sunday 20th April 10:00 – Easter Sunday

Do join us for any or all of these services over the Easter season.

Updates for other seasonal events and activities are published on our website. **www.ripleychurch.org.uk**



If you are interested in being baptised or married in the church, please email **churchwardens@ripleychurch.org.uk**. We would love to help organise this with you.



Send Evangelical Church (Send EC) is a friendly, community-minded church on Broadmead Road towards the Old Woking end of the village. We exist to love God and make Jesus known and would love to be part of your journey towards faith in God and growth in Christ-likeness.

This Easter you are warmly invited to join us for:

- Holiday Club (Ages 4-11)
 Please check the website for details and to register online
 Send Evangelical Church (sendec.org)
- A reflective communion service on Friday, 18th April at 10:30, followed by Hot Cross buns in the Back Hall.
- An Easter morning service of celebration on Sunday, 20th April at 10:30

You are also warmly invited to join us for any or all of our regular gatherings: **Sunday Morning Service at 10:30** – This lasts 70-75 minutes and includes singing (traditional and contemporary music), Bible reading, prayer and a Bible message. A crèche area is available in the Back Hall for parents with young children and all are welcome to stay for a chat and cup of coffee or tea after the service.

Sunday Evening Gathering at 18:30 – an informal meeting in the Back Hall for Bible study and prayer

Little Lambs – A welcoming group for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers on Thursday mornings at 10:00 in term time.

Youth Group – Fridays from 19:30-21:00 during term time, for secondary school aged children. Each Friday evening includes a game and/or activity, snack time, teaching from the Bible plus discussion and plenty of time to chill with friends.

If you have questions, please do contact us through the Send EC website.

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It's hard to believe that the hall has now been open for six months. We're thrilled to report a steady increase in bookings across all of our halls, and 2025 is shaping up to be a busy and exciting year for the venue. As we look ahead, we're delighted to see a mix of regular activities and special events filling our schedule. We've got something for everyone, from our popular exercise classes to the return of the antiques and record fairs. We are already preparing for several weddings throughout the year, adding to the vibrant community atmosphere.

One of the highlights of December was the return of the Ripley Amateur Theatre Society (RATS) after a five-year hiatus. Their pantomime, Dick Whittington, was a huge success, with almost 400 people attending. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces in the hall once again, and we're excited that RATS are planning more events, and of course, this year's pantomime – Cinderella.

Two paintings from local artist Frank Brown have been cleaned and installed in the Village Hall foyer. The paintings, along with others, were taken from the British Legion when it closed earlier last year. They depict many local people, past and present. Next time you are in the hall, take a good look and see if you recognise anyone.



In other news, the newly-formed Friends of Ripley Village Hall group is already proving to be a great asset. This dedicated group of residents is helping to ensure the ongoing success of the hall and supporting the organisation of community events. The first exciting event planned for 2025 is a Barn Dance on the 28th of June, so keep an eye out for details on how to purchase tickets. Also, due to popular demand, we will be holding a Ceilidh/Burns Night on the 24th of January 2026, details of which will be provided towards the end of the year.

If you're interested in becoming a Friend of the hall and helping out on an ad hoc basis, or if you'd like to contribute in any way, we'd love to hear from you. Please email **brownjulie0803@gmail.com**.

Additionally, we're currently looking for new trustees to help manage and oversee the hall's operations. If you have skills or experience in management, finance, or community work or you just have a community spirit, we would welcome your involvement. If you're interested in joining the team, please contact us at **brownjulie0803@gmail.com**.

Please look at our website **www.ripleyvillagehall.org.uk** to view the facilities we have for hire.

RIPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE:

Thank you Ripley!

The Friends of Ripley Primary School (FoRPS) group are delighted that the Department for Education have decided not to hand over control of the School Site to Guildford Diocese. Thank you to everyone in the Ripley Community for your support over the past few years!

The FoRPS will continue to fight for the return of our village primary school on the site but are delighted that the Department for Education have proposed that the site remains an asset for education and community use.





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Send **SCOUTS**

Send 1st (St Mary's) Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been busy as ever, enjoying being outside as much as possible, even in this foul weather. A group of Scouts took part in a district air rifle competition recently and all Sections continue to do their Leaders proud!

After the excitement of the Fireworks. Santa Run and then of course Christmas. our next big event is the May Fair. This year, it will be held on 5th May on the Send Recreation Ground and we hope the weather will be kinder than last year!

We are open for any stallholders. Find out details by emailing: sendmayfair@outlook.com

Also always open to new volunteers, contact us on: sendscouts@hotmail.co.uk

We will have live music, mini fun fair, BBQ, bar and lots of other fun and games, so please come and take part – there's something for everyone!

KNITTERS OF RIPLEY, LET'S MAKE SOMETHING AMAZING!

I know it might seem early to think about Remembrance Day, but I'm getting started now—and I need your help! Inspired by last year's incredible poppy tribute at Skegness Tower (and with Ripley British Legion sadly closing), I want to create something just as special.

But here's the thing... I need HUNDREDS of poppies! The more, the better!

So, if you love knitting (or fancy giving it a go), grab your needles and join the fun. I've got a pattern ready for anyone who wants to help let's turn Ripley into a sea of red poppies together!



Want to get involved? Call or message me, Anne Cornell, at +447393471520. Let's get knitting!

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27 March 2025 West Horsley Village Hall

Wildlife Wonders of Northern Greece – illustrated talk by Roger Beck
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interested in nature.

24 April 2025 on Zoom

Conservation in action – the work of the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust through four amazing species – illustrated talk by Jackie Harris of WWT

Black-tailed Godwits, Natterjack Toads, White-spotted Bluethroat, Curlews, Common Club-tail Dragonfly, Common Terns, Sand Martins, Long-eared Owls, Corncrakes, European Eels, White-tailed Sea Eagles: these are some of the highlights of WWT's 2024 where they have successfully enhanced the population of these and many other species.

22 May 2025 West Horsley Village Hall

Lichens and Slime Moulds – *illustrated talk by Dr Weerakoon,*

Natural History Museum

These are keystone species at many ecosystems. Lichens are a food source for many animals; they provide shelter for small creatures and nesting materials for birds; they capture atmospheric carbon and absorb nitrogen oxides, soak up moisture during wet weather and slowly release it as water vapor afterwards. Slime Moulds are important grazers of bacteria, fungi, and the other primary decomposers of organic matter in soil. Both these organisms deserve greater recognition, since they act as pollution and climate indicators.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

RIPLEY LITTER PICK

BALFOUR BEATTY HAVE KINDLY OFFERED TO COME BACK TO RIPLEY TO PICK SOME LITTER.

Weds, 26 March 2025

10am - 12pm

Meet at Ripley Green

Please contact Brianne if you would like to join forces on the day.

Brianne.vally@live.fr 07854840885











Photo shows the original farmers' market committee in June 2005 from left to right: Lisanne Mealing, Chris Lee, Sally Erhardt, Desmond McCann and Val Harris

IT'S RIPLEY FARMERS' MARKET 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Back in 2005, Ripley Farmers' Market was set up to provide shoppers with the opportunity to buy locally grown or reared produce and to provide local growers and producers the opportunity to sell their products direct to customers. 20 years later we still hold the same principles. Ingredients must be sourced locally wherever possible from primary producers and the growers/producers themselves must attend the farmers' market so they can impart their knowledge (and enthusiasm!) to the customer. There are a few exceptions to this – the fresh fish comes from the south coast but our trader is based in Surrey, always a queue at his stall!

We have always been selective about which stalls attend to ensure our stallholders are local, their products local and their knowledge second to none, giving you the confidence that everything you buy at our market is the best quality, has the least food miles and with the most knowledgeable seller.

With spring in the air and maybe a time to turn over a new leaf regarding health, remember you can buy all of your recommended 30 varieties a week of fruit and vegetables in one place sold by a friendly face. There are virtually no Ultra High Processed foods on sale so indulge in a home-made cake or biscuit knowing that it is a healthier choice!

Thank you for supporting the market, whether you've visited us for the first time or are a regular monthly supporter (and there are many of you who we've got to know over the years).

We look forward to a continued successful monthly market in 2025 with an average of 40 local traders providing a varied offer to shoppers. Make a date in your diary to come to Ripley Green between 9 and 1pm on the second Saturday of the month right throughout the year, with free local parking available.

Ripley Farmers' Market volunteers

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As spring approaches, we're excited to share some updates and reminders with our patients.

Spring COVID Booster Campaign

The Spring COVID booster campaign will run from 1st April to 17th June. This booster is available to those aged over 75, care home patients, and individuals who are immunosuppressed. The winter campaign was a great success, and we encourage eligible patients to take advantage of this opportunity to stay protected.

New Treatment Room Open

We are delighted to announce that the second of our two new treatment rooms is now in use! This expansion wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of patient donations and the support of our Patient Participation Group (PPG). If you're interested in joining the PPG and making a difference in our community, please contact the practice for more details.

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Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to keeping you informed and healthy throughout the year.

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Send & Ripley

HISTORY SOCIETY

THE HISTORY SOCIETY HITS THE BIG 50

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of Send & Ripley History Society. Founded originally as the Send History Society we were soon having regular monthly meetings and immediately began the production of a bi-monthly journal – and are about to publish edition 300. Membership soon built up to over 200 and after ten years the members decided to expand the reach to include Ripley. We now have some 350 members



All looking rather serious at the inaugural meeting in 1975

The very first journal announced that one of the objectives was 'to add to the intellectual and social life of the village' and reported that at its first meeting the Society had established specialist groups focusing on local buildings, genealogy, archeology as well as natural and social history. Ken Bourne, (on the right) the first chairman, summarised the key goal as 'increasing our knowledge of local history and helping to preserve our heritage'.

After a half century – on a very modest budget and with a relatively small group of volunteers – we have a fully accredited museum – one of the smallest in the country – and have certainly fulfilled that initial promise to help preserve our heritage by building up an impressive resource of research material as well as producing many publications and, in recent times, short films.

Our latest book **Bygone Days** is now available at £9.99 and is full of photos and memories from the early part of the 20th century.





Unicorn, Photo courtesy of David Rose

RIPLEY MUSEUM NEWS

To celebrate our anniversary we have an exhibition to stir memories of the 1970s – once called the 'decade that taste forgot'. As well as the foundation of the history society we look at the new Ripley By-pass, decimalisation, the long hot summer, the Queen's silver jubilee and more. Please come along any Saturday from 10-12 and feel free to add your memories/memorabilia. Were you a fan of Unicorn for example?

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SUPERHERO SERIES

In August, a group of remarkable individuals, including Brian Stalley, participated in the Superhero Tri, an event that champions inclusivity and celebrates the achievements of people with disabilities. Created by a Paralympian, the Superhero Tri provided an opportunity for participants to engage in various activities such as swimming, rowing, cycling, and walking without the pressure of time constraints. The Surrey Coalition of Disabled People, an organization dedicated to advocating for disability rights and improving accessibility, played a pivotal role in supporting these individuals in reaching their goals. For Brian, this meant successfully completing a 10k cycle and a 5k walk. The Superhero Tri event culminated in a heartwarming recognition ceremony, where each participant received a medal for their incredible achievements.

The coalition's efforts extend to various aspects of support for individuals with disabilities, such as working proactively with health, social care, and

Furthermore, the coalition recently organized another inclusive event called Winter Wonderwheels, which took place on December 1st at Dorney Lake,

Windsor, mirroring the triumphant spirit of the Superhero Tri.

community partners to co-produce services, strategies, and policies. They also campaign for choice and control to achieve legal rights and entitlements, identify gaps in support, and empower Disabled people to be active members of the community.

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We re looking forward to another year with a full programme of events. We now have a record number of members, with many recruited over the past year. Membership is only £7.00 per household from January to December, and gives access to many member-only activities.

We started the year with a talk on **Fuchsias** on **February 10**th. We give our members a small plant to grow on to exhibit at our Annual Show and this year it was a fuchsia, this was an opportunity to learn how to get the best out of your plant.

After that, on **March 17**th, we have a talk on **Alternatives to Peat** – a subject many of us are concerned about. Both talks will be held at St Mary's Church Room, in Ripley High Street, and non-members are welcome at a cost of £3.00 payable on the door. Doors open at 7.30pm for refreshments, with the talk starting at 8.00pm.

Following our talk on **The Savill Gardens** last October, we are planning a visit there in May, hopefully timed to see the rhododendrons in bloom. This will be open to non-members. Please register your interest if you would like further details.

Later in the year, we have our usual Plant Sale, for members only, and visits to members' gardens, including my own at Lucknow Towers.

If any of this tempts you to join, please email ripleydhssecretary@gmail. com and we will send you the details.

Happy gardening! Sue Stranger, Secretary





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SEND GARDENING SOCIETY

On **Wednesday 4**th **December** members met for the Annual General meeting (AGM) and Christmas Social. The official business was swiftly and efficiently concluded, mulled wine was served and the buffet table heavily stocked with savoury and sweet delights was declared open. The Chairman's quizzes were fun and much hilarity was had finding answers to the diverse questions. Instead of the usual raffle, Secret Santa presents were gifted, adding to the festive spirit. An entertaining social evening was enjoyed by all attendees and was the successful conclusion of our 2024 programme.

At the time of writing, our first 2025 meeting is:

Wednesday 5th February 2025 where **G Pattison** will be speaking about '**Shrubs and climbers for your garden'** has not yet taken place so a report will follow. Our new competition for members will also be launched here.

The next meeting date on the programme is:

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 'The pleasure of weeding' by David Standing

Bank Holiday Monday 5th **May**, we will have our usual stall on the **Recreation Ground** at the **Send Annual May Fair** organised by 1st Send (St Mary's) Scout Group. This is the venue for a wide selection of bargain plants (both flowers and vegetables) raised and donated by our members. We look forward to meeting many villagers there, do come and say 'hello' and see what we have for sale.

Wednesday 4th June with **Paul Whittle** who will speak about National Trust gardens.

Wednesday 6th **August** we will hold our **Annual Garden Party** in one of our members' garden – a chance to socialise and enjoy the outdoor space of a fellow gardener.

Wednesday 1st October with **Nigel Choat** will speak to us about **'Fungi, fauna and flora'**

The 2025 Programme concludes on 3rd December with the AGM and Christmas Party.

Dates for both our summer visit and a walk along local waterways with our Chairman, Derek, will be advised later.

Send Gardening Society provides local gardeners with an opportunity to get together and learn more about growing plants of all kinds. We meet up once every 2 months with fellow 'gardeners' for a sociable and interesting evening out. We have a varied programme that includes talks from speakers who are experts in their field, garden visits in summer and practical workshops. We are looking for new members to join our society and would welcome anyone from beginners to experienced green fingers alike. We pride ourselves on being a friendly club, so if you are a newcomer to Send or surrounding district, or an existing resident, come along and join us to make friends and exchange ideas. We can be reached by e-mail at f.weybrookcollett@gmail.com by phone on 01483 765730 (Secretary Fiona Collett) or by coming along to one of our bimonthly meetings which are at 7:30pm in the Church Rooms.

Linda Davis – Committee member

'The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising and never satisfied. They always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before' - Vita Sackville



RIPLEY REGULAR EVENTS

Ripley Parish Council Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month, but not always.

Ripley Parish Planning & Environment Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month, but not always.

Ripley Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday.

Ockham WI in Ripley

First Wednesday of each month.

Ripley Over 60s Club Meeting

First Saturday of each month.

Ripley Farmers' Market

Second Saturday of each month

Little Ripples Baby & Toddler Group

Every Monday in term time.

Paracise & Wobble Exercise Classes

Every Friday.

SEND REGULAR EVENTS

Send Parish Council Meeting

Third Monday of each month but not August and December.

Send Parish Planning Meeting

First and Third Mondays of each month, with some exceptions.

St Mary's Small Steps Tots Group

Every Wednesday in term time.

Send Over 60s Club Meeting

Second Wednesday of each month.

Send Crafts 4U

Third Thursday of each Month.

St Mary's Coffee Morning & Charity Shop

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RIPLEY BONFIRE ASSOCIATION

As most readers of Ripley & Send Matters are aware and as reported in the winter edition, last year's bonfire celebrations (2024) were a success, courtesy of the weather, which gave us the opportunity to raise some much needed funds, given the appalling weather of previous years.

Following approval of our accounts by the RBA committee in December, the committee agreed to distribute a total of £8,460 to the following local worthy causes:

Ripley over 60s Club – The club has historically been the main recipient of our funding and supports the clubs activities throughout the year.

Surrey Search & Rescue and SERV (blood runners) – Whilst deserving charities, both organisations do assist us greatly on the night, with car parking and road closures, for which we are extremely grateful.

Woking Hospice and Surrey Air Ambulance – Whilst again deserving local charities, we hope that we never have to use them.

The following local organisations were also recognised with a donation to their funds:

- Ripley Scout Group
- Ripley Football Club Youth Development
- Ripley Cricket Club Youth Academy
- Ripley & Send History Society building repairs
- Ripley Parish Council Christmas lights and autumn cut of the green

Finally, as our fund raising on bonfire night is very much weather dependent, we are hoping to run a Summer Dance at the Village Hall (similar to last year)

with our local band Sultana, this is to secure those much needed funds for this year's firework display in advance, so please keep an eye out for the date and support us if you can.

I wish you all a good summer and look forward to seeing you at this year's forthcoming celebrations – Saturday 25th October 2025

Steve Hill Chairman – Ripley Bonfire Association





RIPLEY & SEND MATTERS WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO LOCAL LEGEND & BONFIRE BUILDER MATTHEW CLIFF!

Back in December, he took on the ultimate challenge, braving the shave and raising an incredible £2,500+ for Macmillan Cancer Support.

It takes real guts to go bald by choice—most of us (like me) just let nature do it for us! But Matthew didn't hesitate to lose his locks for such a great cause, proving that a little off the top (or, in this case, all of it!) can make a big difference.

Well done, Matthew!



PAT CLACK IS 100 YEARS YOUNG!

Pat was born in Woking on February 6th,1925, so has just turned 100. She moved with her parents to rented accommodation in Send Barns Lane when she was two, whilst the house in Send Road, where she has now lived for 97 years, was completed. Pat attended Send School until the age of 14.



She worked at Tyler's wine store in Woking, until joining the WAAF as soon as she could in 1944, despite her father's best attempts to stop her. She trained and served as a wireless operator at multiple sites, including Biggin Hill and Bletchley Park, and, after being demobbed, continued to ply her trade for the Foreign Office, the World Service and the airline BEA. On demob leave in Cornwall, she met Eric, and they married in 1951. Her two children, Michael and Valerie, were born in 1954 and 1956 respectively and also both attended Send

Primary School. Pat soon found a way to do local jobs that fitted in with the children, first as lollipop lady on May's Corner and then as school secretary in School Lane. She was always looking for new challenges, and after sadly losing her husband to a heart attack at the very young age of 44, she joined the Red Cross, becoming the centre organiser and running the junior section (Cadets) in Send for many years. She was also one of the first distributors of Send & Ripley Magazine which she did until well into her 90s.

Pat now has 4 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She has always been a formidable correspondent and touch typist, and when she discovered that the best way to keep in touch with her far flung family was by email, that was a skill she quickly adopted – in her 70s! Pat learned to knit at school, and this talent has stayed with her throughout



her life. She worked for several knitwear designers, testing their prototypes for publication in pattern books. She continues knitting to this day, and the Village Blacksmith on Send Road is regularly yarn-bombed by Pat to commemorate significant events.

There is little that has happened in Send over the past 100 years that she doesn't know about, and she is always happy to be tapped for



information. Her interest in local life, and current affairs well beyond the village, remains undimmed, and hopefully will remain so for many years to come.

Pat celebrated her big birthday with an afternoon tea party in Ripley Village Hall, attended by over 80 friends and family from all over the UK and beyond. The Heywood Sisters entertained with two sets of wartime favourites.



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DOWN YOUR WEY

The New Year got off to a deceptively benign start but soon made up for it with some wild and 'interesting' weather. It becomes automatic after all these years to wake up regularly through the night, rain or not, alarm clocks or not, so much of my winter and spring, and the rest of the year for that matter, is made up of disturbed nights in pursuit of keeping water levels as stable as possible.

In addition to the water level management the season has brought plenty of trees to deal with that have succumbed to wind, rain and age and needed safely removing to keep the paths and Navigation clear. We are fastidious with our tree monitoring and management regime but as hard as we work to be proactive there always some casualties.

The run up to Easter brings another flurry of activity with locks needing to be painted, if the weather allows, and mowing season kicking off in earnest. The keen gardeners among you will know there doesn't seem to be much of an off-season for mowing any more and I have certainly carried on regardless when I could to keep things looking their best.

I'm conscious that it is the time of year when many of you are showing off the Navigation to friends and family who maybe don't get to see it in all its summer glory so I try to make it look as neat and tidy as I can. It is lovely to see so many of you out either enjoying the calm weather or braving the other stuff and sharing it with new people and dogs and making memories here. It really is a special place.

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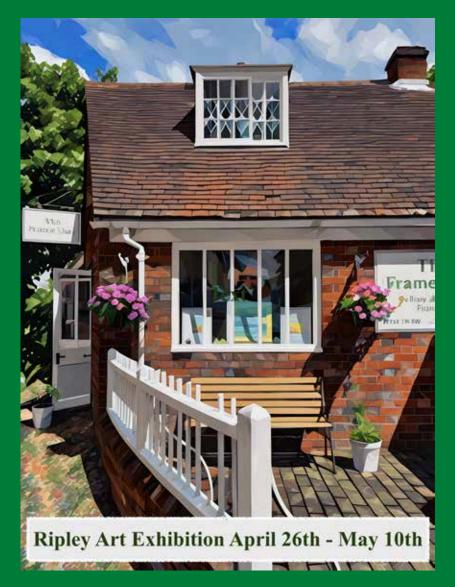
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Further information from our website www.guildfordfuchsia.co.uk or direct from our treasurer (see inside back cover) or email enquiries@guildfordfuchsia.co.uk

RIPLEY OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Ripley Over 60s will be meeting again every first Saturday of the month throughout the year. We will now be meeting at Ripley Primary School at the usual time of 2.30pm. We have a full programme of entertainers for the year.

Help needed please setting up the hall for our meetings. Setting up and storage of chairs etc. Please get in touch if you can help.

It will be lovely to see old friends once again or any new members. We are also looking for a new chairperson. Please contact Clare Grimes for any queries: 07985048327, claregrimes58@gmail.com.

SEND OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Send Over 60s are pleased to say we are up and running again, anyone interested in joining us is very welcome to come along. We usually have a speaker, raffle, bring & buy, tea & cakes & chat. We meet every second Wednesday in the month at the Church Rooms, Send. Why not come along and join us. Sally Legerton, Chairman - 01483 223542.



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We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Ripley Village Hall at 7.30. We have a varied and interesting programme each month, also a yearly Warner break, book club, film afternoons, theatre trips, crafting, rambling and visit places of interest. We are a small friendly group. If you are looking to join a WI come along and meet us. For further details contact: Jen HC 01483 282922 or Lynne 01737 214805.



SEND VILLAGE CLUB

(Send Social & Ex-Servicemen's Club)

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to the year ahead with our elected Committee who will be volunteering their time and energy to help organise this year's coming events and supporting the day to day running of the club. We thank our outgoing Committee Members for all their commitment during the past year and finally we thank our members for their continued support. The club is a non-profit making organisation which is run by the elected committee on behalf of the members. The committee welcome ideas and comments which can be put forward by members in our suggestion box or to a member of staff.

Club membership is due for renewal from the 1st January the price for yearly membership is 18 years to 59 years £25, 60 years to 69 years £10 and 70 years and over £5. Membership covers the whole family including children under 18 years. There is no part year concession.

We had an extremely busy December gifting our hall to Send Brownies for their end of term Christmas party, supporting a local Christmas appeal, Christmas draw, Christmas Eve Disco and New Years Eve party.

Well done to our dart teams, Ladies on Wednesday and Send A and Send B on Friday nights who have represented us in the local League.

Forth Coming Events – subject to change at time of print, please check our notice boards, FB page and WhatsApp group which you can join via QR code for any changes and newly added events.

Saturday 1st March – Bingo Saturday 15th March – Quiz TBC

Saturday 4th April – Bingo Saturday 19th April – 'Goldsworth Gerry' live music and our Easter Draw

Saturday 19th May - Bingo

Saturday 14th June - Bingo

Saturday 5th July - Bingo

We look forward to seeing our members and welcoming new members throughout the year.



ANNE HAYNES CHARITY

Late summer sees many of the young people in Send and Ripley taking the next step in their preparation for earning their own living. For some this means apprenticeships, for others it means some further or higher education course. But all of these are eligible for an "Anne Haynes Grant".

This fund has been available since 1702 when Dame Anne Haynes donated a sum to assist children in apprenticeships. The Charity Commission now says of the charity "the interest earned is distributed to young people to help in their further education". A meeting is held annually in the Autumn to administer the available funds which is shared among the young people who qualify and apply for the grant.

The criteria for young people to qualify is that they must live in the Parish of Send or Ripley, they must be under 21 and the money must be used to further their education and prepare them for the workplace.

There are two trustees who have been appointed to administer and distribute available funds from the charity. Rowland Cornell represents Ripley Parish and Arthur Thomas represents Send Parish.

If any young person, their parent or guardian wishes to apply for funding, then apply with details by email to:-

Arthur Thomas [Send Parish]: jillarty1@gmail.com or

Rowland Cornell [Ripley Parish]: rowland.cornell@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Ripley Grapevine

Those who do not know of The Ripley Grapevine, it is an email service that goes out to anyone in Ripley parish (or anyone else who wants to receive it) which details anything of interest to the residents e.g. events happening in the village, planning issues or anything else that the residents may be interested in. It has been running for over 10 years and presently has over 400 email addresses.

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